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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing for Senate Foreign Relations Committee on
the Proliferation of Chemical Weapons

1. On 28 June 1984, Members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee were briefed on the use and spread of chemical weapons. The session was attended by the following Senators:

Charles Percy (R., IL)
John Glenn (D., OH)
Rudy Boschwitz (R., MI)
William Cohen (R., ME)

The following Committee staff members were present:

Scott Cohen, Staff Director	
Alan Safran	Robert Bell
Alex Gliksman	Michael Kraft
Hans Binnendijk	George Ashworth
Gerald Connolly	Carl Ford

Other attendees included William Strauss, David Nichols and Scott Ulm from the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, and George Murphy, Office of Classified National Security Information. Kenneth Adelman, Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and Thomas Graham also attended. The briefing was at the TS/Codeword level and a transcript was taken. The 30 minute briefing immediately preceded an open hearing on the topic and, due to lack of time, was terminated before the briefers had finished. The briefers were [redacted] of the Office of Scientific and Weapons Research and [redacted] of the Office of Imagery Analysis. [redacted] of the Office of Legislative Liaison also attended. [redacted]

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2. The briefing consisted of a rapid overview of the number of countries possessing chemical weapons (CW) and those which supply equipment or training to nations developing a CW capability. Attention was then focused on the development of Iraq's CW program beginning in the mid-1960s. Vu-graphs were shown to illustrate the nature and extent of Iraq's program. The Senators asked a number of questions about the Iraqi stockpile and the employment of CW in the Iran-Iraq war. Sen. Glenn and Sen. Boschwitz indicated their desire for a further briefing on CW and will request one when their schedules permit. No other follow-ups are expected.

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